

TO: Federal Communications Commission - Office of the Secretary

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RE: GN Docket No. 12-91—Impediments to Amateur Radio Communications & Federal Communications Commission Studies HAM Radio Antenna Restrictions – My Public Comment

What land use restrictions have HAM operators experienced?

Inability to install exterior residential antennas in covenant homeowner associations in both Colorado and Utah to permit adequate emergency preparedness communications.

What are the impacts of “unnecessary and unreasonable” antenna restrictions on HAM operators?

In the event of general power failures or regional power failures, when other means of communication are interrupted, amateur radio operators cannot use their alternate energy systems to provide communications.

How have antenna restrictions impaired national emergency response contributions of HAM operators?

General and regional power failures have prevented police and other first responders' communications systems from working or being available.

What actions may be taken to minimize “unnecessary and unreasonable” private land use restrictions?

Most amateur radio service communications equipment can be operated by alternate energy sources including batteries and solar systems. Governmental ordinances and private contracts such as homeowner association covenants should be modified to lessen restrictions on amateur radio service antenna systems.

What constitutes an “unnecessary and unreasonable” private land use restriction on the installation of HAM radio towers and external antennas?

Unreasonable antenna location and heights.